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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S COMMONWEALTH CLUB SPEECH

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1. APPRECIATE EXCELLENT TEXT REFTEL. FOLLOWING ARE
BUREAU'S SUGGESTED CHANGES.

A. PARA 20. CHANGE "OVERWHELMING" TO "VERY" IN FIRST
SENTENCE. SUGGEST SECOND SENTENCE BEGIN "PEACE AND
STABILITY ON THE PENINSULA ARE THUS VITAL TO PEACE IN
NORTHEAST ASIA AND THE SECURITY OF KOREA IS DIRECTLY LINKED
TO THE SECURITY OF JAPAN -- OUR MAJOR" ETC. BELIEVE IT
BEST NOT TO PUT ACCENT ON KOREA AS "TERRITORY."

B. PARA 21. SUGGEST LAST SENTENCE READ: "WE ALSO BELIEVE
IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE PRC AND THE SOVIET UNION
NOT TO DISTURB THE BALANCE ON THE PENINSULA."

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C. PARA 27. SUGGEST LAST SENTENCE READ: SECRETARY KISSINGER

HAS EXPRESSED AMERICAN WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO CONFERENCE OF THE POWERS DIRECTLY CONCERNED TO SEEK MORE LASTING ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN PEACE ON THE PENINSULA."

D. PARA 32. YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER USING SECRETARY'S STATEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOREA IN JULY 22 SPEECH.

E. PARA 37. WHILE WE APPRECIATE CONCERNS BEHIND THIS PARA, WE SEE BASIC PROBLEM IN PRESENTING CASE OF KOREAN GOVERNMENT WHICH WE IN FACT DO NOT BELIEVE. SUGGEST YOU REDRAFT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: "THERE IS HOWEVER A BROAD AWARENESS IN KOREA OF AMERICAN CONCERNS REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS. WHILE AMERICAN IDEALS OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND THE RIGHTS OF MAN ARE SHARED, THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT OF TODAY SEES ITS SITUATION IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE KOREA VALUE SYSTEM AND THE THREAT TO ITS SECURITY."

2. PLEASE FORWARD FINAL TEXT SO THAT WE WILL HAVE COPY HERE IN ADVANCE OF YOUR SPEECH IN SAN FRANCISCO.

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